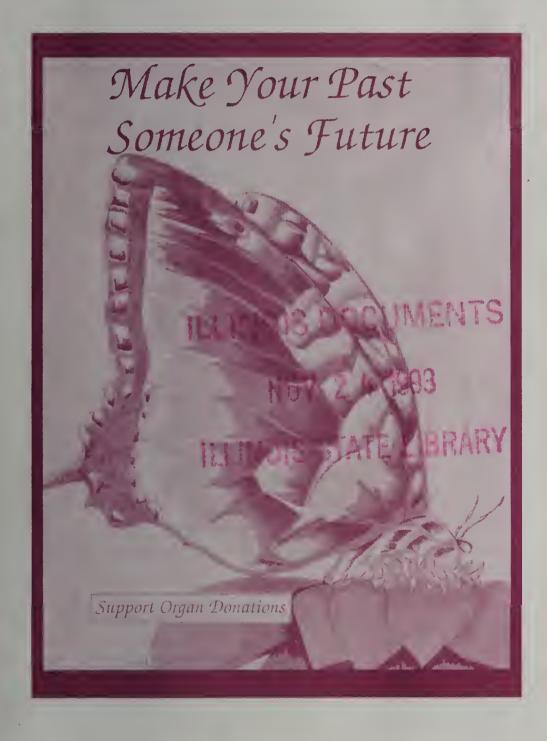
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Live and Learn Conference on Solutions to the Critical Organ and Tissue Donor Shortage



George H. Ryan Secretary of State





A message from Secretary of State George H. Ryan

The need for organ and tissue donors is critical. The number of people waiting for a transplant in this country is at an all-time high, almost 32,000. Most of these people will die waiting for suitable donors. Many, if not all, could receive life-saving transplants if organs were available. Sadly, many families are never approached about donating their loved one's organs or never knew their relative's wishes.

To discuss strategies that increase awareness about organ/tissue donation and the critical need for donors, a conference, the first of its kind in Illinois, will be held in Chicago in April 1994.

Studies have shown that the majority of people believe in organ and tissue donation and would like to be a donor themselves. However, of those who want to be donors, many will not be medically suitable at the time of their death. For those that are, it is essential that their families know their intentions to donate and are given the opportunity to make that choice known.

I encourage you to join me at this important conference. Your input, and that of other physicians, nurses, coroners, social workers, states attorneys and funeral directors is essential to developing solutions to this serious problem. Working together, we can save lives.

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Workshops

Guests speakers from the medical, legal and transplant communities will highlight current issues in the transplant area and offer solutions to many obstacles in donation.

Issues discussed at this conference will include:

- The need for family discussion.
- The role of physicians, nurses and hospital social workers in organ/ tissue donation.
- The relationship between hospitals and procurement agencies.
- The special needs of minority groups.
- Continuing public education efforts.
- The ethical and legal aspects of donation.
- Curricula available to medical schools.
- The roles of funeral directors, coroners and state's attorneys in organ donation.
- Differences in procurement of tissue and organs.

Registration

For more information, please complete the attached registration form and return no later than Jan. 1, 1994. Space is limited; reservations will be accepted on a firstcome, first-serve basis.

A detailed information packet will be sent to you, including descriptions of workshops, guest speakers, hotel information, registration fees, and area attractions, restaurants and entertainment.

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Conference Dates

April 19-20, 1994 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Location

Holiday Inn O'Hare International 5440 North River Road Rosemont, Illinois 60018

Continuing Education

Continuing education credits may be available from certain associations. More information will be included in the information packet.

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A \$60 registration fee will be charged. This will include breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks on both days and a welcome reception the first night. However,

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Information

If you have any questions or would like more information before requesting a full registration packet, please contact Secretary of State staff at (217) 782-0578.